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Sunrise to sunset



photo by Sgt. Michael Wiener

Lance Cpl. Marshall Bryant, VMFA-212 plane captain, wipes morning dew off of an F/A-18C Hornet as the sun rises behind him in April. Page 6



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Marines from MWSS-171 assist simulated refugees from the back of a truck that carried them to their camp during the exercise Tuesday.

MAG-12's readiness tested

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

Service members aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Guam and Okinawa were thrust into a no notice exercise Sunday, to test their ability to respond rapidly, effectively, and safely to a contingency situation.

The exercise, which was scheduled to last through today, was routine training designed to maintain and improve unit readiness and proficiency for more than 1,900 service members from the air station.

The call went out at 3 p.m. that service members attached to Marine

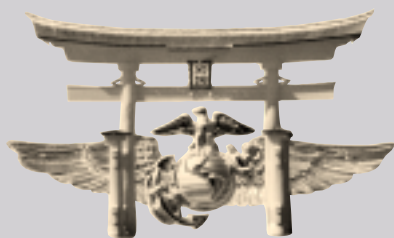
Aircraft Group 12 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 were to be recalled. Liberty for those service members was secured for the duration of the exercise as the units prepared for the training that lay ahead.

"We thought it was just a general recall for accountability," said Cpl. Michael Kiszunski, MWSS-171 hygiene equipment operator. "We didn't think it was going to be this big. There is usually a rumor going around the squadron before there will be an exercise, but not this time."

Although everyone from colonel to private was not sure of what it

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Why bear the title 'Marine'

by Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger
Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii – Every workday morning there are certain rituals that I must perform before I can leave home for a productive day at the office. Before I can straighten up fully, my back chooses to remind me that carrying a "portable house" on my back (military pack), for most of my 28 grunt years, comes with a price! Without this negotiation I'd be walking around all day like the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Following my back stretching, I work my way through my morning routine to the shaving ritual. As I gaze into the mirror to begin shaving, I have two thoughts worth mentioning.

My first thought is that I'm glad I only have to look at my "ugly mug" just long enough to scrape my whiskers. The other is that I'm grateful for the honor to wear a Marine uniform yet another day.

Viewing my reflection in the mirror, I mentally reaffirm my commitment to do everything in my power to not let down my fellow Marines.

Every individual that has earned the title of Marine has, at some time, asked themselves, what

was it initially that drew them to the Corps. And for those who remained beyond their first enlistment, have they pondered why they stayed Marines?

I have asked myself those type of questions many, many times over the course of 28 years. I would like to share a few of my reasons for becoming a Marine and choosing to remain a part of this gun club.

In 1972 I looked into what each branch of service had to offer me. Like the rest of you Marines, I wasn't too impressed with wanting to, "Be all I could be," "Aim high," or to have, "Not just a job, but an adventure." What I was impressed with however, was the remarks of a crusty old Marine recruiter.

After hearing the other services' promises, I strolled into the Marine recruiting office and asked, "So what promise does the Marines have for me?" This salty master sergeant, with a chest full of ribbons and badges, looked me straight in the eye and sternly replied, "The Marine Corps don't promise you crap, boy, except the right to bear the title Marine. And that's only after you prove you're worthy. So if you think you have what it takes, have a seat. If not, then get the hell out of

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Corps News

PMO training an eyesore

by Cpl. John J. Watts
MCAS New River, N.C.

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. — An ear-piercing war cry resounds in the air from a lance corporal as he rips through a gauntlet of blue bags, kicking, kneeling and beating them off with his baton all the while his eyes and face swell with intense burning pain.

Marines from the Provost Marshal Office qualified to use their pepper spray Nov. 7, by first going through the experience of being sprayed themselves.

According to 1st Lt. Michael Jylkka, deputy provost marshal, the Oleoresin Capsicum Course or OC spray certification takes place annually with Marines qualifying much like the gas chamber experience.

"The first time you qualify you get the full treatment," said Jylkka. "The Marine gets sprayed directly in the face and runs a course where he must defend himself and also keep the presence of mind to do his job while in intense pain."

The Marines qualifying for the first time get sprayed and then run to five stations where they first knee an attacker, then, block blows from two attackers.

They then punch the attacker at the third station repeatedly before moving to the fourth station where the Marines must pull their batons and back off yet two more attackers.

To top it all off, another Marine in a "Redman" suit, which is a full-body protection suit, acts as a

resisting suspect as the qualifying Marine must subdue him.

Each year a Marine requalifies, the amount of spray lessens. The second time around, instead of direct spray, a rag is sprayed and wiped across the eyes and face before the course. The third and final phase the Marine walks through a room where the spray lingers in the air. Sgt. Robert Roe, patrol supervisor, said even though the amount of spray gets less each year, the pain is very intense.

"It feels like someone opened your eyes and poured broken glass in them," said Roe. The spray restricts breathing, involuntarily closes the eyes, causes extreme pain and the effects last for hours, according to Roe.

Roe said despite the pain, the training is invaluable. "After going through the training you get a very healthy respect for the OC spray. Word gets out about what it feels like and other people know that when the spray is pulled out it is serious." Jylkka said the annual qualification is precisely for that reason; to give the MPs an appreciation for the affects of the agent at their disposal.

"The MP knows when he sprays a person the situation is not automatically over," said Jylkka. "They can still react and fight back even though the pain is intense. It also teaches the Marine to avoid panicking and becoming a victim himself in the event he gets sprayed."

The effects of pepper spray are very real and intense. PMO suggests compliance with officers to avoid being sprayed.

Monitors arrive in Iwakuni

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

The Headquarters Marine Corps Enlisted Assignment Branch visited Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Monday.

The monitors, arriving from Okinawa, came as part of a yearly West-pack tour, to help Marines with questions concerning their Marine Corps careers.

According to Master Sgt. Andre Robinson, H&HS career planner, the visit was a great benefit to many of the Marines.

The MMEA briefings helped Marines acquire a basic knowledge and understanding of the functions and

assets available to them in the Marine Corps.

Additionally, command, careerist and first term briefs, to help Marines understand their future career options, were held at the Sakura Theatre.

"We are here to help," said Gunnery Sgt. William Scott, MMEA enlisted assignment advisor. "By coming in and meeting us, Marines realize we are actual people and not just machines that print out orders."

According to Scott, no matter what your rank is, it's good to come in and meet the monitors. It gives them a chance to put a face to the name they see on the paperwork.

"I had a lot of questions answered by my monitor," said Cpl.

William Feehan, MWSS-171 quality control. "It was good to actually meet him and shake hands. I'm glad I had the opportunity to attend."

The brief portion of the MMEA visit was broken down into various topics depending on the rank of the Marines.

The first term brief was mandatory for all Marines on their first enlistment. It covered current issues and policies surrounding retention, lateral moves, First Term Alignment Plan and special assignments.

The command brief was for all officers and covered current issues pertaining to enlisted assignments, retention, staffing, unit cohesion, and enlisted career force controls.

A Sergeants' Major brief was

open to all Marines E-8 and E-9 and helped with the assignment and retention of enlisted Marines.

Career counselors were also made available to Marines who desired their services. This brief was highly recommended for Marines who were projected to be promoted within 2001-2002.

According to Feehan, the MMEA visit was a big help to Marines who had questions and concerns they wanted answered.

"I really benefited by the MMEA visit," said Feehan. "They addressed many questions and I feel they did their best to help us out. It was good to talk face-to-face."

Garbage pickup suspended

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

Off-station residents will have all trash collection suspended from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3. Trash collection will resume again Jan. 4.

Although on-station residents will not be affected, the City Environmental Facility Division requests all off-station residents take their garbage to disposal facilities during this time, because trash collectors will not make the pickups during the holiday season.

Because each disposal facility is only capable of disposing certain products, three various sites will be open, depending on the type of waste.

Factory number one, an incinerator facility located near the Monzen River, across from the Iwakuni Commercial High School, will accept all garbage from the kitchen, paper and wood wastes and other combustible garbage.

The Recycle Plaza, located near Kawanishi Station and Iwakuni High School, will accept all bottles, cans, plastics, metal and fragmental wastes, fluorescent lights and dry cell batteries.

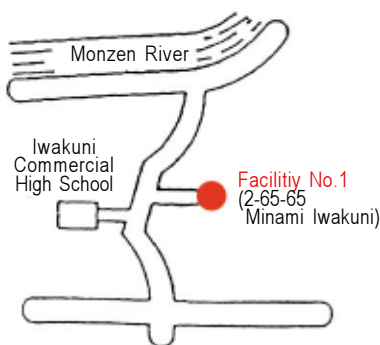
The Misumi-cho Noncombustible Garbage Facility, located near Iwakuni Station, will accept all ceramics, flat glass and any other noncombustible or non-recyclable waste materials.

Satoru Tanigawa, chief of the City Environmental Facility Division, asks residents to be sure and take their trash to the right facility on the correct dates. He also requests that residents bring back all returnable wastes, such as beer bottles, to the stores where purchased, if possible.

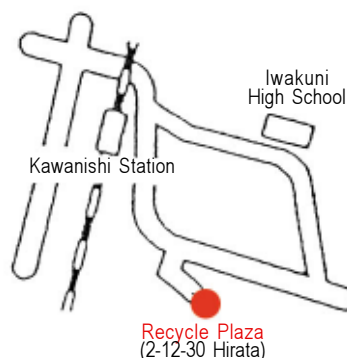
Any large wastes should be taken directly to the disposal facility or contact a private disposal company for pickup.

Residents who have any questions or concerns are encouraged to call the City Environmental Facility at 31-7710.

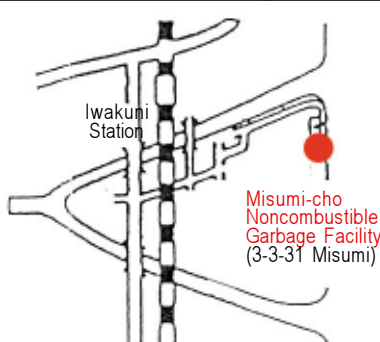
Facility No. 1



Recycle Plaza



**Misumi-cho
Noncombustible Garbage Facility**



News Briefs

Window Blind Safety

In November, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission placed a recall for many horizontal blinds, due to a potential strangulation hazard. The station Housing Office advises residents to cut the loop on horizontal blinds and hang them on a hook, out of the reach of small children. For vertical blinds, The Housing Office will be sending contractors to cut off most of the cord to eliminate the hazard. Beginning next week, the Northside Self Help Center will be providing hooks and directions to housing residents. For more information, residents should contact their local housing inspector.

Power Outage

There will be a power outage affecting areas from the motor pool to the boathouse from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., due to necessary electrical work. For details call the Utilities office at 253-3473.

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This is the last issue of the *Torii Teller* for the year. There will be no publication Dec. 22 and 29, due to the holiday season. The next issue will be Jan. 5. All ads and announcements submitted should take place after the issue date.

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was they were in store for, they knew there was a mission to accomplish.

"Sunday at 12 p.m., we got a message that started off saying exercise, exercise, exercise and that was all we knew," said Lt. Col. R.A. Wilkins, MAG-12 executive officer. "The commanding officer had no notice just like everyone else." The 1st Marine Air Wing Commanding General developed the exercise scenario, and a few select individuals on each station carried it out. The exercise was kept a secret in order to test the groups emergency response.

"By not knowing the scenario it was really a test of our readiness when we needed 550 Marines on deck in two hours," said Maj. Hugh Tillman, MWSS-171 executive officer. "The exercise may have identified some shortcomings, but it identified out true capabilities."

The exercise was not primarily a chance to train, but was like a pop quiz for select military installations in the Pacific region. Evaluators arrived from Okinawa throughout the week to observe how units were dealing with the missions as they were passed down the chain of command for action.

According to Wilkins, this is the first time a no notice wing exercise has been held aboard the air station at this level.

"For a normal exercise we get 90, 60 or 30 days for planning and everybody knows the script," Wilkins said. "This exercise provides us the chance to react to a more real world situation where we don't know what the outcome of today's flights will be."

A simulated chemical threat challenged Marines to do their daily tasks while working within the confines of Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear.

"MOPP gear gives the individual the confidence to work in a chemically contaminated en-



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Lance Cpl. Kareem Dorsey, H&HS military policeman, prepares an identification tag for Lance Cpl. Frank Anderson, a simulated refugee from Okinawa.

vironment," said Staff Sgt. Michael Wiggins, MAG-12 nuclear biological and chemical chief. "Using MOPP gear in the exercise is getting Marines to think and it helps in a way that puts them in a predicament of performing in a stressful environment."

Wearing the bulky and hot MOPP gear was not the only challenge Marines would have to face. A simulated refugee camp was constructed by MWSS-171 Marines to deal with those caught in the middle of the situation.

The refugees arrived aboard the air station from Okinawa on a C-130 Hercules. They were loaded onto trucks and taken to the camp area for processing.

"They are not prisoners of war or prisoners of any sort. They are Americans," said Lt. Tashanna Garcia, MWSS-171 refugee camp commandant.

"We treat them with as much hospitality as we can."

Although they were not the enemy, the refugees were still contained in a controlled environment.

Despite the short notice the Marines pulled together to issue necessary protective MOPP gear, coordinate with each other and set up a refugee camp complete with heated tents and a hot shower.

Overall the exercise was a no notice test for Marines aboard the air station that allowed them to see their strengths and weaknesses.

"Because it was a surprise it was good for everybody," Garcia said. "Too often we are in the garrison mindset and forget what we're here to do. This helps us get back into that frame of mind."

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my office and quit wasting my time!"

It was obvious to me (an impressionable lad) this guy certainly wasn't poured from the same mold as those other service recruiters! It also was clear that this old guy, with the nasty mouth, was putting fourth a challenge to me.

Well, I wasn't about to stand for that so I had a seat. By 3:30 a.m. the next morning I was standing on some yellow footprints aboard MCRD, San Diego trying to figure out what the heck had I done? All the while, my DI is informing all of us that we will learn that, "Pain is nothing more than weakness leaving our bodies." I can tell you I had a whole lot of weakness leave me during those next few months!

There are many reasons why I've remained a Marine, some of which I can't put into words. But one significant reason is because of our mindset towards each other.

A Marine's greatest fear isn't of sacrificing his life in combat. I believe it's the fear of not measuring up and letting down a fellow Marine. A Marine rests easy in knowing his or her

fellow Marines have their back when the stuff hits the fan.

I believe it doesn't matter what personal issues I might have with another Marine, if I need him in the clutch, he'll come through without hesitation.

To me, Marines come in two sizes, tall and mean, and short and mean. Marines are aggressive, confident and hard as woodpecker lips (both mentally and physically).

I've also remained a Marine because we don't care if another Marine is black, white, yellow or red. It doesn't matter to us if another Marine is male or female, Protestant, Catholic or Muslim. Marines care only that you're a Marine, either current or former.

Marines set high standards for themselves and for those around them. They will accept nothing less. "First to fight," is not simply a motto, but rather a way of life for Marines. You always know where to find the "Top Dog" (Marine in charge) of a unit on the move because he or she will be the one leading from the front.

I like the fact that even Marines that aren't infantrymen, all think of themselves as grunts at

heart, just a little out of practice at the moment.

Marines are also some of the most compassionate and caring individuals in the world. Let an American citizen be in harms way anywhere in the world and you'll find Marines ready to arrive on the scene, kick butt and take names. Wherever there are Marines, you'll find them doing things like painting an orphanage, sharing their MRE's with a hungry child or protecting noncombatants in a combat zone.

A Marine understands that war is an ugly thing. Someone, although I can't recall whom, once said, "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed state of morale and the (decayed) patriotic mindset, which thinks nothing is worth war, is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight for, and has nothing he cares about more than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself." These are the men and women I want to be associated with. That's why I'm so proud to still be a part of this band of brothers, and why I will do my best never to let down my fellow Marines.

Girl Scouts share culture

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

More than 100 Japanese and American Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies gathered together for a holiday celebration aboard the air station Sunday.

The day provided children from two different nations the chance to experience each other's culture while making new friends.

"Part of the Girl Scout's law is they are a sister to every Girl Scout, no matter where they are from," said Jim Jackson, Iwakuni Girl Scouts cochairman of public relations. "They all made at least one new friend."

The girls spent the afternoon playing games, singing Christmas songs and making Japanese and American holiday crafts.

"The Japanese Girl Scouts brought a craft idea and we have

one that is typical of Christmas," said Daniele Potts, Brownie troop leader.

"They made a snowman craft and the Japanese brought string to teach us a string craft. They always bring us something they can teach us."

It was the crafts that made the day special for some of the scouts. The girls spent the afternoon playing with the string that was wound around their fingers and manipulated into patterns.

"I really liked the part when we made the snowmen, said Jackie Rodebaugh, eight-year-old Brownie. "It's great to do things that are difficult and take time."

There are events like this throughout the year that allow international friendships to build. Despite the language barrier, the girls had no problem communicating and making new friends.

"I haven't met a Japanese girl



American and Japanese Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies made crafts during their holiday get-together Sunday.

before," said Rodebaugh. "I'm making a lot of new friends, but had to use hand movements to talk."

Despite having to communicate their ideas through hand gestures, the girls managed to understand each other and have a good time.

"The spoken word is just a small part of it," Jackson said. "The Americans don't really speak Japanese and the Japanese don't speak English but the interaction still goes on."

After having lunch together, the girls joined hands circling the room to sing songs. The American girls began by singing "Frosty the Snow Man" and the Girl Scout song.

The Japanese Girl Scouts then sang songs for the American girls.

The day came to a close with all the girls playing their string game and talking with one another. They had only spent four hours together but it was enough to make friendships.

"We try to teach the girls that the children in Japan are the same as anywhere else," Potts said. "Our girls get to meet Japanese and form friendships. They see them four or five times a year so it nice to see a familiar face."



photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Japanese and American Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies join hands with new friends while singing holiday songs together Sunday.

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photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Corporal Marco Avila, MWSS-171 heavy equipment mechanic, helps set up one of the more than 30 tents that would house Marines and Sailors during a training exercise at Penny Lake this week.

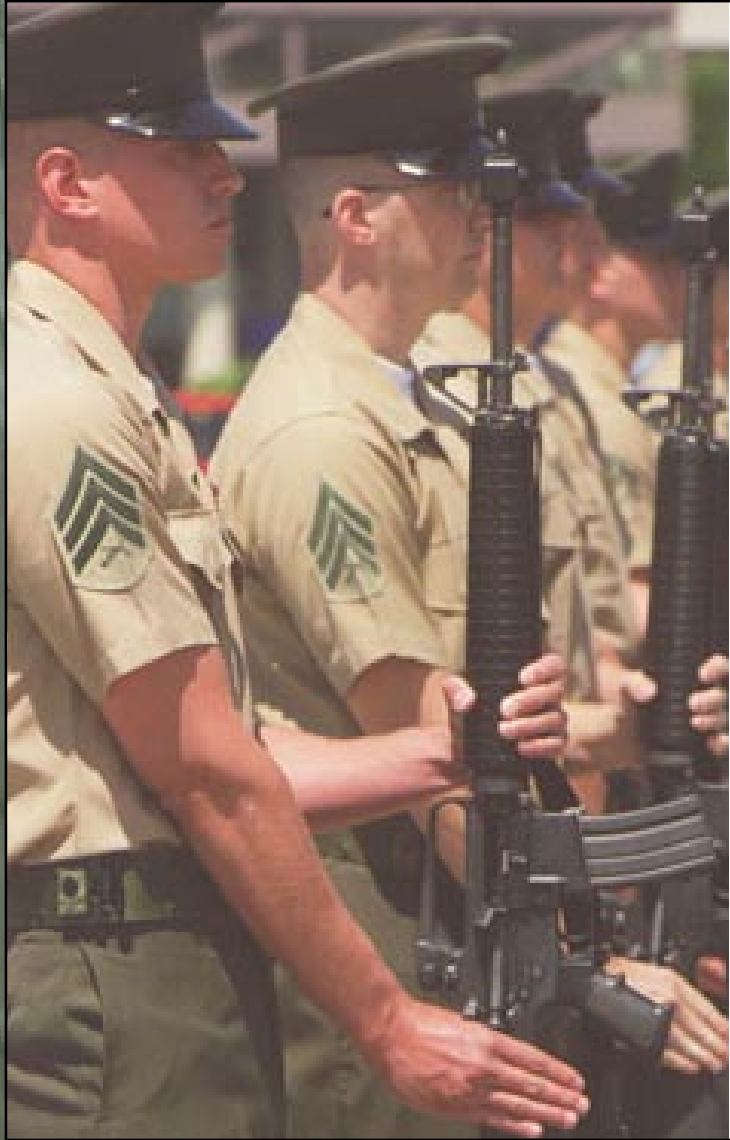


photo by Sgt. Michael
During the presentation of the Aircraft Wing Vietnam Memorial.



Marine engineers pull a tractor as part

looks back on 2000

by **Sgt. Michael Wiener**
Media Chief

Whether the first year of the new millennium or the last of the 20th Century, MCAS Iwakuni has enjoyed great success and seen many changes in the year 2000.

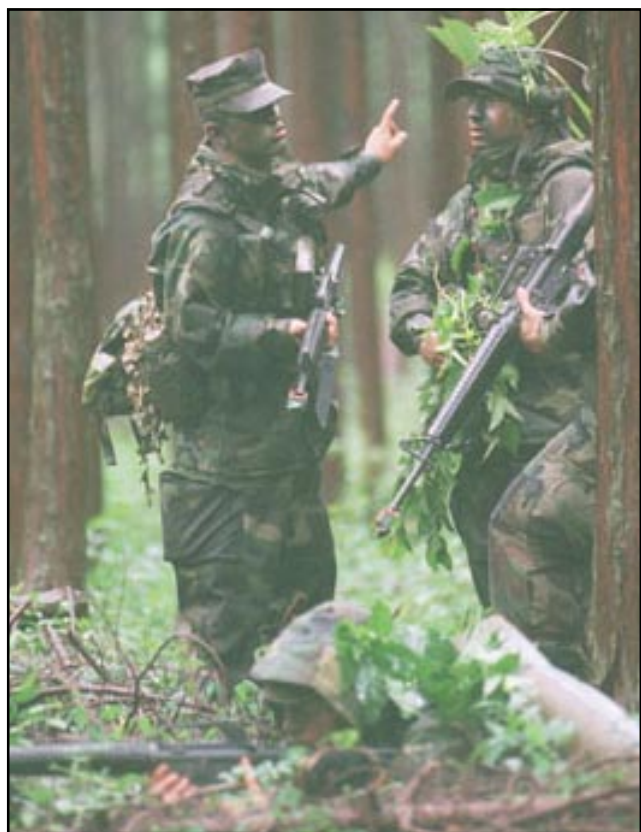


photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy LeMaster

Marines discuss their strategy while on patrol near Mount Fuji, Japan during Cloud Warrior in July.

As the year comes to a close, we look back and reflect on some of the highlights in Iwakuni.

Marine Aircraft Group 12 and subordinate units enjoyed a year of success. In January, the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232 Red Devils celebrated their 75th anniversary. The Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 332 Moonlighters took to the skies in February to train with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force. The training improved both pilots' skills and increased already strong ties with our Japanese counterpart.

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 received the Donald E. Davis award which recognizes the best Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron and the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award which recognizes the best maintenance organization in the Department of Defense.

Marines and Sailors of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 enjoyed an especially busy year, kicking it off early with a Marine Combat Readiness Evaluation System in February. More than 300 spent a cold week at Penny Lake, testing their efficiency. A new Patrol Leaders Course offered throughout the year gave Marines valuable field training and a refresher course in being a basic rifleman.

The May 5 Friendship Day is always one of the biggest annual events for the air station. However, this year was record setting. More than 240,000 guests from around Japan passed through our gates to catch a glimpse of their guest's life here. As always, food, static displays and

aerial demonstrations proved to be crowd favorites.

The annual exercise Foal Eagle tested the detachments support efficiency in Korea. In early summer, Combat Service Support Detachment 36 teamed up with MWSS-171 Marines for joint Marine Battle Skills training during Exercise Cloud Warrior at Camp Fuji, Japan. In Exercise Forest Light, a phase of the recent Keen Sword Exercise, CSSD-36 Marines recently provided support for the ground combat element Ojojibara, Japan.

Even more recently, CSSD-36 worked with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and station units in the first combined noncombatant evacuation exercise here, Keen Sword, evacuating both Americans and Japanese from the air station in November.

Station units were collectively put to the test several times throughout the year. In March and October, emergency crews, Military Police, Airfield Operations and other smaller units participated in mass casualty drills.

On Memorial Day, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Vietnam Memorial was rededicated. Moved from behind a generator near the front gate, the new memorial stands prominently across from Crossroads Mall.

Possibly the most anticipated addition to MCAS Iwakuni came to life late March, when the first Whoppers crossed the new counter at Burger King. The beginning construction of a new mid-rise and refurbishing of several playgrounds added to increased quality of life.

Training, station changes, awards and other events experienced this past year will surely continue in the new year. So though this is the last *Torii Teller* of the year 2000, we look forward to bringing you news and information you need in the upcoming year.



photo by Cpl. Matthew Shaw

of the St. Patrick's Day field meet competition in March.



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Lance Cpl. Erik Forman, VMFA-212 plane captain, clears snow from one of the Lancers F/A-18C Hornets Feb. 8. The unusually large 2.8 inches of snow that blanketed the air station caused school and work delays.

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12:35	ESPNNews	9:00 20/20
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3:05	Movies 'til Dawn: Pretty In Pink (TV-PG)	10:30 Saturday Night Live (TV-14)
5:00	Headline News	
5:30	ESPNNews	Sunday
6:00	Today	12:00 It's Showtime at the Apollo (TV-PG)
8:00	Today II	1:00 Friday Night (TV-14)
9:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	2:00 NFL Pregame (FOX-Live)
10:00	Teletubbies (TV-Y)	2:30 NFL (FOX-Live)
10:30	Wheel Of Fortune	Redskins at Steelers
11:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	5:30 Hour of Power
12:00	NBC Nightly News	6:00 Celebration of Victory
12:35	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	6:30 Precepts for Life
1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	7:00 Christopher Close-up
1:25	Guiding Light (TV-14)	7:30 1-Cubed
2:15	General Hospital (TV-14)	8:00 Headline News
3:05	Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries	8:30 Air Force TV News
3:30	Disney's The Little Mermaid	9:00 NCAA Football (ESPN)
4:00	Moesha (TV-PG)	Division I - AA Championship
4:30	Clueless	12:00 Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood
5:00	Jeopardy!	12:30 Happily Ever After
5:30	Headline News	1:00 Family Movie: Can Of Worms (TV-PG)
6:00	Pacific Report	3:00 Wild Things (TV-PG)
6:33	CNN/SI	4:00 AFN Special: When Stunts Go Bad II
7:00	Futurama (TV-PG)	5:00 Computer Chronicles
7:30	That '70s Show (TV-PG)	5:30 Wall Street Journal Report
8:00	Star Trek: Voyager (TV-PG)	6:00 Headline News
9:00	Law and Order (TV-14)	6:30 ESPNNews
10:00	Pacific Report	7:00 AFN Special (TV-G)
10:35	Tonight Show with Jay Leno	Christmas At War
11:35	Late Show with David Letterman	8:00 Primetime Movie: It's A Wonderful Life (TV-G)
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12:35	ESPNNews	Monday
1:00	Movies 'till Dawn: Saturday Night Fever (TV-PG)	12:00 America's Black Forum
3:05	Movies 'till Dawn: National Lampoon's Vacation (TV-PG)	12:30 Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)
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7:00	Franklin (TV-Y)	2:00 NFL Sunday (FOX-Live)
7:30	Between the Lions (TV-Y)	3:00 NFL (FOX-Live) Teams TBD
8:00	Disney's Recess (TV-G)	6:00 NFL (CBS-Live) Teams TBD
8:30	Rocket Power (TV-Y)	9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y)
9:00	Pokemon	10:00 Little Bear
9:30	In The Mix	10:30 Wheel Of Fortune
10:00	Discover Magazine	11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
11:00	Hometime (TV-PG)	12:00 Headline News
11:30	California's Gold	12:30 Judge Judy (TV-PG)
12:00	NBC Nightly News	1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
12:30	Navy/Marine Corps News	1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
1:00	Sports (TD)	2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
4:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	3:05 Disney's Hercules
5:00	Entertainers	3:30 Disney's Pepper Ann
6:00	Headline News	4:00 Bill Nye The Science Guy
6:30	ESPNNews	4:30 Cousin Skeeter (TV-Y)
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		1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
		2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
		3:05 Hey! Arnold (TV-Y)
		3:30 Beakman's World (TV-Y7)
		4:00 Nick News
		4:30 Scholastic Sports America (TV-G)
		5:00 Jeopardy!
		5:30 Headline News
		6:00 Pacific Report
		6:33 NFL Monday Night Football Rams at Buccaneers
		10:00 Pacific Report
		10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
		11:35 Late Show with David Letterman
		Wednesday
		12:35 ESPNNews
		1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: The Preacher's Wife (TV-PG)
		3:20 Movies 'til Dawn: The Old Man And The Sea (TV-PG)
		5:00 Headline News
		5:30 ESPNNews
		6:00 Today
		8:00 Today II
		9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y)
		10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
		10:30 Wheel Of Fortune
		11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
		12:00 NBC Nightly News
		12:30 Judge Judy (TV-PG)
		1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
		1:25 Guiding Light (TV-PG)
		2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
		3:05 Disney's Jungle Cubs
		3:30 Brand Spanking New Doug
		4:00 The Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files
		Thursday
		12:35 ESPNNews
		1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: Charade (TV-PG)
		3:10 Movies 'til Dawn: North Dallas Forty (TV-PG)
		5:00 Headline News
		5:30 ESPNNews
		6:00 Today
		8:00 Today II
		9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y)
		10:00 Barney and Friends
		10:30 Wheel Of Fortune
		11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
		12:00 NBC Nightly News
		12:30 Judge Judy (TV-PG)
		1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
		1:25 Guiding Light
		2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
		3:05 Rugrats
		3:30 Arthur (TV-Y)
		4:00 Pokemon (TV-Y)
		4:30 Max Steel (TV-Y7)
		5:00 Jeopardy!
		5:30 Headline News
		6:00 Pacific Report
		6:33 CNN/SI
		7:00 Dharma and Greg (TV-14)
		7:30 The Parkers (TV-PG)
		8:00 Will And Grace (TV-14)
		8:30 Spin City (TV-PG)
		9:00 City Of Angels (TV-14)
		10:00 Pacific Report
		10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
		11:35 Late Show with David Letterman
		Friday
		12:35 ESPNNews
		1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: The Christmas Box (TV-PG)
		2:50 Movies 'til Dawn: Steel Magnolias (TV-PG)

Find additional TV schedules and sports teams names at www.iwakuni.usmc.mil



Sakura Theater

Friday

7 p.m. The Little Vampire
10p.m. The Legend of ...

Saturday

4 p.m. The Little Vampire
7 p.m. The Legend of ...
10p.m. Men of Honor

Sunday

4 p.m. The Little Vampire
7 p.m. Men of Honor

Monday

7 p.m. The Legend of ...

Tuesday

12:30p.m. The Santa Clause
7 p.m. The Little Vampire

Wednesday

12:30p.m. Snow Day
7 p.m. Men of Honor

Thursday

Closed

The Little Vampire (PG)
Rated PG for some mild peril. (94 minutes)
Dreaming every night about a secret enclave of vampires, Tony (Jonathan Lipnicki) is a typical 9-year-old boy. His family moved from California to Scotland, and Tony is having a hard time adjusting to his new life. That is, until he meets a little vampire who is also 9, and who takes Tony on great adventures, introducing him to the vampires he dreams about at night.

The Legend of Drunken Master (R)
Rated R for violent content. (101 minutes)
A martial-arts hero unlike any other – the “Drunken Master” – can turn just one drink into devastation and humiliation for his enemies. Jackie Chan mixes action with a twist of his humor as the renowned Wong Fei-hong. When Chan mixes up his luggage during a trip, he finds himself at odds with evil foreigners trying to steal sacred imperial treasures.

Men of Honor (R)
Rated R for language. (129 minutes)
The true story of Carl Brashear (Cuba Gooding Jr.), who was the first African American to become a master diver in the Navy, “Men of Honor” is a serious film about the way that two men helped each other overcome such daunting challenges as racism, physical impairment and the cagey rules of the military system. Tenured master diver Billy Sunday (Robert De Niro) is the most vicious adversary and most loyal supporter of Brashear's, motivating him to succeed.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change.
or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:
Dec. 15 - end of January
"What Lies Beneath" - 11 a.m.,
1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 9 p.m.

New Central I:
Dec. 16-22
"Vertical Limit" - 1:35 p.m.,
4:05 p.m., 6:25 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 8:45 p.m., 11:05 p.m.

New Central II:
Dec. 16-22
"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" - 9 a.m., 11 a.m.,
"The 6th Day" - 1:05 p.m.,
3:25 p.m., 6 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 8:20 p.m., 10:40 p.m.

New Central III:
Dec. 16-22
"Dinosaur" - 9:10 a.m., 10 a.m.,
12:30 p.m., 2:05 p.m.,
"The Exorcist: Director's Cut" -
4:25 p.m., 6:45 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 9:10 p.m.

Classified Ads

Vehicles for sale

—1986 Mitsubishi Chariot, station wagon, A/C, auto, PS, seven-pass, must sell due to PCS, JCI till August 2001, \$1,000. Call Gunnery Sgt. Potts at 253-3020 dwh or 253-2936 awb.

—1987 Daihatsu Mira, JCI till October 2001, \$550/obo. Call Sgt. Eckman at 253-3418 dwh or 253-2624 awb.

—1989 Nissan Skyline, JCI till December 2002, \$3,500/obo. Call Sgt. Eckman at 253-3418 dwh or 253-2624 awb.

—1989 Mazda Roadster, 2-door, convertible, hard/soft top, plus extras, JCI till September 2002, \$4,250. Call Bill Writt at 253-5394 dwh or 253-2420 awb.

—1989 Mazda Bongo, brown, van, A/C and heat, low mileage, JCI till September 2001, asking \$2,400. Call Staff Sgt. Hazel at 253-3641.

—1990 Honda Integra, A/C, auto, PS/PB/PW, AM/FM cassette, JCI till September 2002, \$2,200. Call Therese Fitzgerald at 253-4383 dwh or 253-6385 awb.

—1994 Nissan Bluebird, 4-door, auto, A/C, PW/PDL, AM/FM cassette, CD player, fog lights, JCI till March 2001, \$1,700. Call Paul at 253-6853 dwh or 31-8441 awb.

Motorcycle for sale

—Honda, 50cc, w/helmet, \$120. Call Linda at 253-3278 dwh.

Other items for sale

—Stereo CD cassette deck receiver, Pioneer, A100, three disc CD player w/two speakers (Pioneer A100, EE, S-A100), bass-reflex wide range speaker system, \$65; Japanese style rug, \$20; American style carpet, 10F.4x7F.10, \$55; a frame of oil painting, size 25"x36", wide frame, 1.7", \$60. Call Setsuko Rhoady at 32-9001.

—Washer/dryer set, Whirl Pool, \$500; six-chairs dining set, black, \$25; sectional living room couch, \$25; boy's huffy bicycle, \$15; girl's huffy bicycle w/basket, \$10. Call Chief Magallanes at 253-4407 dwh or 253-2535 awb.

—Rice cooker/maker, Tiger model, 120V, 60Hz, used for few months, \$80/obo; color TV, Sony Trinitron 20" w/remote, used for few months, \$210/obo; microwave oven, Quasar w/clock/three step instamatic cooking oven, \$120/obo; four auto electric transformers, 100V primary/120V secondary, \$30/\$60/each; two electric space heaters, \$30 each. Call Peter at 253-3399 dwh or 21-3766 awb.

Job openings

—University of Maryland is accepting applications for term-hire position. Interesting applicants should stop by Building 411, Room 109.

MCCS job listing

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel:)

—Contracting Officer, Contracting and Purchasing, NF-04, regular full time.

—Commercial Advertising Specialist, NF-03, regular full time.

—Public Relations Technician, Marketing, NF-02, flexible.

—Desk Clerk, Temporary Lodging Facility, NF-01, regular part time.

—Automotive Helper, Service Station, NA-05, regular part time.

—Storeworker Foreman, Main Exchange, NS-02, regular full time.

—Design-Project Assistant, MCCS Design, NF-02, regular full time.

—Aquatics Program/Lifeguard Supervisor, Aquatics, NF-03, regular full time.

—Library Aid, Library, NF-01, regular full time.

—Senior Sales Associate, Main Complex, NF-02, regular full time.

—Warehouse Foreman, Warehouse, NS-04, regular full time.

—Recreation Ops Assistant, Teen Center, NF-02, regular full time.

—Waiter/Waitress, Club Iwakuni, NA-03, regular full time and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Exchange, NF-01, regular full time and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, S/S 7 Day Store, NF-01, regular part time.

—Store Worker, Main Exchange, NA-02, regular full time and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Auto Mini Mart, NF-01, regular full time, part time and flexible.

—Car Rental/Service Station Attendant, Service Station, NF-01, regular full time.

—Program Assistant, Child Development Center, CC-1, regular full time and flexible.

—Recreation Assistant, NF-02, regular full time and flexible.

—Recreation Attendant, NF-01, regular part time and flexible.

HRO job openings

(Human Resources Office is currently accepting applications for the following positions:)

—Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-9/11, open until filled.

—Meatcutter Leader, WL-7407-07, open until filled.

—Store Worker, WG-6914-041, open until filled.

—Personnel Management Specialist, GS-201-05 (promotion potential to GS-11), open until Dec. 18.

—Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor(s)1, open until filled.

—Mechanical Engineer, GS-0830-121, open until filled.

—Child Development Center Director, GS-1701-091, open until filled.

—Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-071, open until filled.

—Interdisciplinary (Psychologist/Social Worker), GS-018X-111, open until filled.

—Victim Advocate, GS-101-091, open until filled.

—Cable Splicer Supervisor (Communication), WS-2504-071, open until filled.

—Safety and Occupational Health Specialist, GS-018-111, open until filled.

To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii Teller reserves the right to edit to fit space. To submit, stop by Building 360, Room 7 to fill out a form.

The Verdict

Non judicial punishment:

On Dec. 5, a lance corporal was awarded NJP for violation of the UCMJ Article 92, failure to obey order or regulation, for underage drinking. He was awarded a reduction to private first class, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months, and restriction and extra duties for 45 days. The reduction to private first class was suspended for six months.

On Nov. 28, a private first class was awarded NJP for violation of the USMC Article 91, for insubordinate conduct toward a noncommissioned officer; two violations of Article 92, failure to obey order or regulation; Article 117, provoking speeches or gestures, and two counts of Article 134, drunk and disorderly, and indecent language. He was awarded a reduction to private, forfeiture of \$465 pay per month for two months, and 45 days restriction and extra duty.

What's cooking at the Messhalls ...

Friday

Lunch: Baked Fish, French Fried Shrimp, Grilled Ham Steaks
Dinner: Honey Glazed Rock Cornish Hens, Yankee Pot Roast

Saturday

Dinner Brunch: Baked Tuna and Noodles, Salisbury Steak

Sunday

Dinner Brunch: Grilled Tenderloin Steak, Chinese 5-spice Chicken

Monday

Lunch: Yakisoba, Bake Stuffed Pork Chops
Dinner: Roast Beef, Beef Stroganoff

Tuesday

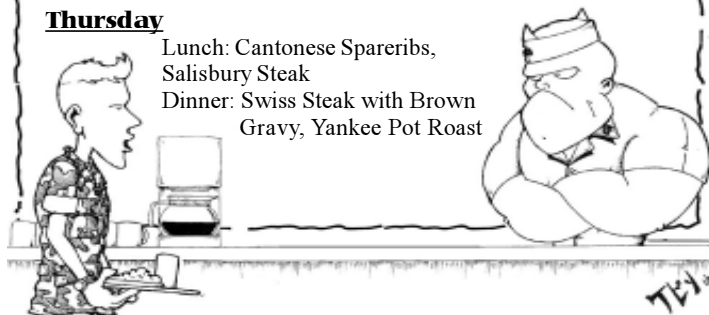
Lunch: Pepper Steak, Roast Turkey
Dinner: Chili Con Carne, Enchiladas, Beef Burrito, Tacos

Wednesday

Lunch: Simmered Corned Beef, Beef Stew
Dinner: Beef and Corn Pie, Oven Fried Chicken

Thursday

Lunch: Cantonese Spareribs, Salisbury Steak
Dinner: Swiss Steak with Brown Gravy, Yankee Pot Roast



Weekend's Weather

Today



Saturday



Sunday



Monday



Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Dec. 15	5:51 a.m.	-0.45	12:30 p.m.	11.10
	6:27 p.m.	3.45	---	---
Dec. 16	6:39 a.m.	0.37	12:18 a.m.	9.06
	7:20 p.m.	3.76	1:17 p.m.	10.41
Dec. 17	7:26 a.m.	1.41	1:11 a.m.	8.45
	8:20 p.m.	3.96	2:05 p.m.	9.67
Dec. 18	8:26 a.m.	2.51	2:11 a.m.	7.82
	9:32 p.m.	3.90	3:11 p.m.	9.04
Dec. 19	9:44 a.m.	3.44	3:35 a.m.	7.43
	10:50 p.m.	3.43	4:23 p.m.	8.68
Dec. 20	11:09 a.m.	3.92	5:17 a.m.	7.66
	---	---	5:36 p.m.	8.64
Dec. 21	12:03 a.m.	2.64	6:36 a.m.	8.38
	12:27 p.m.	3.97	6:30 p.m.	8.78

"Ch!, by the way, put the Marine Corps drill instructors on the nice list ... They're only doing their job!!!"



Education



Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

Jan. 17 - ACT

Jan. 18 - Scholastic Assessment Test

Jan. 25 - Electronic Data Processing Test

Jan. 29 - Defense Language Proficiency Test
- Defense Language Aptitude Battery

Jan. 31 - Armed Forces Classification Test

Testing begins at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in Building 411, Room 101. Sign up 15 minutes prior. There is a fee for civilian personnel but not for service members. Call 253-3855.

Total Quality Training Opportunities

Total Quality classes offered:

Dec. 15 - Methods for Managing Quality

Dec. 18-20 - Four Roles of Leadership

Jan. 8-12 - Systems Approach to Process Improvement

Anyone is welcome to sign up and take the classes. There is no fee for students. Call 253-4719 or e-mail schnoorm@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Sign up today.

Term III Registration

Term III registration will begin Jan. 8, and continue through Jan. 19, for both University of Maryland and Central Texas College. Term dates are Jan. 22, through March 17.

Students interested in taking English or Mathematics should call 253-3494 to schedule placement examinations, prior to Jan. 8. For more information call the University of Maryland at 253-3494 and the Central Texas College at 253-3484.

Community



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are on the second floor of Building 497. For more information call 43-4814.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions

December's Tobacco Cessation Courses are cancelled, the next course will be Jan. 17, 19, 24 and 26. Cholesterol, nutrition and hypertension counseling will also be on an individual basis by calling the Branch Medical Clinic at 253-3266.

Mothers of Preschoolers

Those who have preschoolers and could use a break should join them for snack, crafts and sharing at MOPS, where mothers help mothers. The children, newborn to kindergarten, learn and play in a supervised class/playtime while mothers relax. Call 253-2258.

Iwakuni MOPS meets the second and fourth

Thursday of each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the chapel's multipurpose room, starting Jan. 11. The MOPS does not meet if M.C. Perry School is out for any reason.

Scholarships

The University of Maryland is offering 40 scholarships to Asian division students for use during academic year 2000/2001, beginning Term III. All students are welcome to apply for the scholarships, regardless of whether they receive any other form of financial aid or tuition assistance. Applications must be post marked by Dec. 22. For more information stop by Building 411.

Night Clinics for Pets

Night clinics will be offered at the Veterinary Clinic, Jan. 9, 4-8 p.m. All pets are accepted and no appointment needed. Come in for vaccines, sick call or even just to ask questions. For more information call 253-3588.

Child Development

For concerns about your child's development, contact the Early Childhood Office at 253-4562, for children up to 3 years old, EDIS and M.C. Perry School at 253-3447, for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Christmas Concert "Messiah"

Hiroshima Jogakuin College will hold a Christmas Concert, "Messiah" Dec. 23, at Phoenix Hall in Hiroshima International Conference Hall (in Peace Memorial Park). The event is free. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the concert begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 082-228-0386.

Marine Corps Community Services

Extended Shopping

The Marine Corps Exchange has extended shopping hours until 9 p.m., Fridays through Dec. 22. Customers are reminded to redeem Santa Bucks now through Dec. 24.

Coloring Contest

The library will hold a coloring contest for children up to 18 years old. For more information come to the library, third floor of the Community Services Building. The contest will end Sunday.

Interpreters Needed

The Personal Services Division Intervention and Treatment Branch's Counseling Center needs volunteer interpreters for Japanese-speaking clients who are not fluent in English. Call 253-6962 to volunteer.

Anger Management

Learn to manage your anger at this seminar, Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Community Services Building, Room 115. Call 253-3737.

Basic Resume Workshop

Job seekers are welcome at this workshop Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 216. Call 253-6439.

Canopy Construction

Construction on a canopy for the SNCO Club

entrance is under way. There will be some inconvenience to patrons during the construction, as some parking lots will be used for maintenance. The management asks patrons to please watch their step when entering the club.

Federal Employment Workshop

Job seekers are encouraged to attend the Federal Employment Workshop Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 216. Call 253-6439.

Holiday Events

Christmas Events

— The Marine Lounge holds a free buffet starting at noon. Open to all service members and all other MCCS patrons and guests age 18 and up. The Marine Lounge is located on the second floor of Crossroads Mall.

— Club Iwakuni holds an all-you-can-eat buffet from noon until 5 p.m. Open to all ranks, the buffet will be served in the ballroom.

— The Hornet's Nest invites all single and unaccompanied service members to enjoy finger food starting at 2 p.m.

New Year's Eve Events

— Black and Gold Masquerade Ball for Landing Zone Enlisted Club patrons. An all-you-can-eat buffet will be served 5-9 p.m., followed by a DJ, 8 p.m.- 3 a.m. Free Continental breakfast is served at midnight.

— SNCO Club New Year's Eve party, including an all-you-can-eat buffet 5-9 p.m., followed by a DJ, 9 p.m.- 3 a.m. Free Continental breakfast is served at midnight.

— Black and White Masquerade Ball for Officers' Club patrons. An all-you-can-eat buffet will be served from 5 p.m., followed by a DJ, until 3 a.m. Free Continental breakfast is served at midnight.

Chapel Services



Chapel News

(1) Chapel Annex (2) Marine Memorial Center

Roman Catholic

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass (2)

Sunday 9 a.m. Mass (2)

Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist (1)

Sunday 10 a.m. Church of Christ (2)

10:30 a.m. General Service (2)

noon United Pentecostal Service (2)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday 12:30 p.m. Service (1)

Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Shabat (2)

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the station Chapel at 253-5218. For information on Jewish services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station Chapel.

Sports Briefs

Skills Test

Youth Basketball participants age 10-12 should attend skills testing Saturday, 9 a.m. in the Main Gym. Call 253-3239.

Wrestling Tournament

Athletics will hold a wrestling tournament Saturday-Sunday in the Main Gym. Status of Forces Agreement personnel age 16 and older may participate. There is a mandatory weigh-in Saturday at 8 a.m. Call 253-5777.

Santa Suits

Marine Corps Community Services Gear Issue in the Main Gym takes reservations for Santa Claus suits, which are free. Call 253-3476.

Jingle Bell Jog

Semper Fit will hold a Jingle Bell Jog 5-kilometer run Dec. 23, 9 a.m. on the seawall

behind the Main Gym. Open to all ages, the event is co-hosted by the Substance Abuse Counseling Center and D.A.R.E. in honor of Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Awareness Month. Special prizes will be awarded, and participants are not allowed any timing devices. Call 253-5051 for details.

New Year Bowling

The Southside Lanes will hold a bowling tournament and party on New Year's Eve beginning at 8 p.m. Status of Forces Agreement personnel may participate.

Winter Fun Trips

Outdoor Recreation has scheduled the following trips: Dec. 30, Jan. 6, 15 and 27 to Mizuho for skiing; Dec. 23 and Jan. 20 to Mominoki for sledding

Tours depart at 5 a.m. and are open to SOFA personnel with a fee. Call 253-3822.

The Scoreboard

Volleyball

Dec. 6

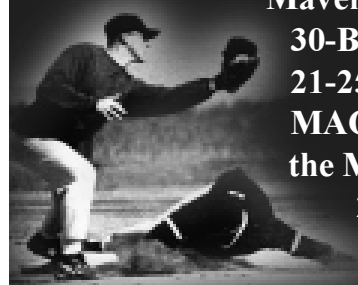
Mavericks defeated the Riggers, (Forfeit)

MALS-12 defeated the 30-Blazers, 18-25, 25-11, 15-13

MAG-12 defeated Medical, 23-25, 25-16, 15-13

Dec. 8

Mavericks defeated 30-Blazers, 25-11, 21-25, 15-10
MAG-12 defeated the Mavericks, 25-23, 26-24



Mavericks smoke Blazers 2-1 in three-game match

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz
Torii Teller Staff

Friday night volleyball matched up the MALS-12 Ordnance Mavericks and the 30 Blazers Dec. 8, who went round and round in a three-game match, with the Mavericks prevailing 2-1.

In the three-game set, the first two games are played to 25 points and the victor must have at least a two-point lead. The third game is a race to 17 points without a two-point spread.

At game time of the first game, the Blazers had to play with only a five-player team, to avoid a forfeit.

"We tried to do what we could to stay in the game," said Masako Wakaki, Blazers' captain. "But it was hard to do when we were losing a point where one person would normally serve."

To pour salt on the wound, every time the Blazers rotated into the empty position, it was an automatic side out with a point favoring the other team. The loss of a player didn't stop them from fighting the set to the 25-17 first set lead for the Mavericks.

In the second set, the Blazers added another player to their roster and took the second game 25-19.

"In the second game, Robert Hopwood came in to help and the team spirit went up," Wakaki said. "But in the third game we had too

many mistakes."

Game three came with as much intensity as game two, with the Blazers taking an early lead 3-0 over the Mavericks.

"There was a big difference in their offense in the second game," said Maverick, Jorge Fernandez. "It showed what one missing team member can do to a team."

But the Mavericks not willing to go down in flames, rallied together to come back and had the game tied at 9-9. By being able to set and spike the ball in most of their opportunities the Mavericks offensively had the edge.

"We have a pretty good team and we can usually read the other teams offense," said Maverick, Brad Buckley. "Our performance is based on that of the opposing team."

Defensively, the Mavericks were hurting because attempted blocks allowed the Blazers' spikes to add valuable points during the final game.

But after searching the court for possible scoring areas, the Mavericks were able to put the Blazers away in a tough match ending the final game 17-10.

"Our team is pretty good, but we always have different members playing," said Wakaki. "If we practice more, we should be able to play a lot better than we did tonight."

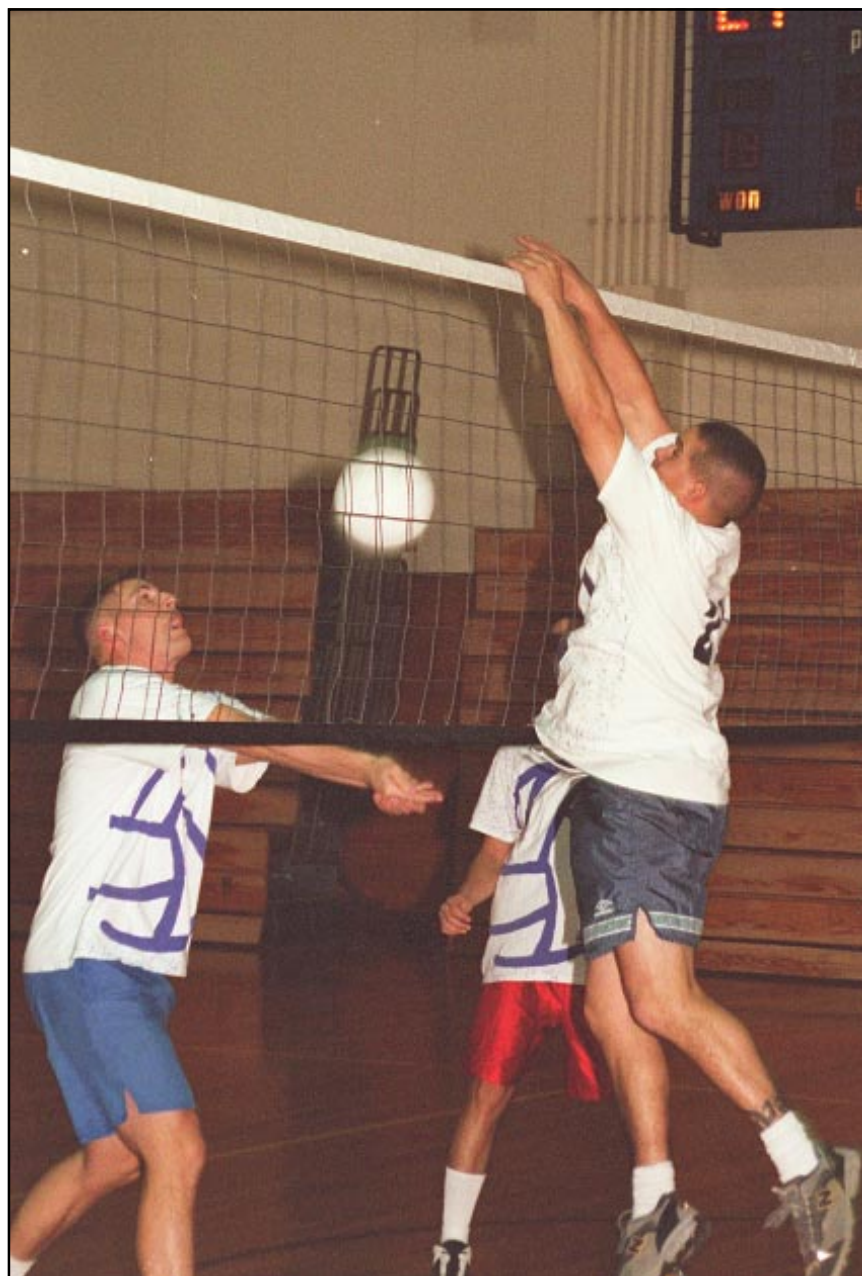


photo by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz

Maverick, Dean Jacobs gets above the net to block a spike from his opponents and returns the ball to end up scoring, during Friday night volleyball at the Main Gym Dec. 8.



More than 200 athletes blasted off the starting line in this years 11th Annual Super Duathlon held in Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

Pushing the limit

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

As the morning sun peaked its head above the horizon, it was the beginning of another beautiful day in Japan — for a duathlon.

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni kicked off The 11th Annual Super Duathlon Saturday, at the Main Gym.

The day's event brought together both American and Japanese athletes in an effort to promote physical fitness and intercultural friendships.

The duathlon, sponsored by MCAS Iwakuni and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, featured a five-kilometer run, a 28-kilometer bike ride and another five-kilometer run, to test the competitors endurance.

Spectators cheered from the side of the streets, as the 217 competitors lined up behind the starting line. As the starting pistol was fired, the participants blasted off the line, fighting for position in the crowd and setting their pace.

After a grueling one hour, 19 minutes and 51 seconds, the first competitor stepped over the finish line and claimed the winning title in the men's division.

"It felt great to take the win," said Jason Schuette. "There were some strong athletes out there

today, but I've been training hard and today it paid off."

Halumi Matsumoto took the women's division with a time of 1:24:48.

"This is a great event," said Richard Seibert, Semper Fit Health Promotions director. "Not only does it bring the athletes together, but families and friends came out and enjoyed the day also."

Many booths featuring music, food, gifts, and event memorabilia offered something for everybody to enjoy and made the event entertaining for not only the athletes, but spectators as well.

"This duathlon was made possible because of the volunteers who gave up their time to help out," said Seibert. "It's been a great turnout and I am proud to be a part of it."

After the race, an awards ceremony took place and athletes and competitors talked about the days events while listening to music and eating food.

According to Seibert, although the race ended, the friendships made at these events will carry on for a long time.

"This was another really positive event," he said. "I feel everyone had a great time today and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year."



photos by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare

Athletes competing in the duathlon staged bicycles according to registration number in the parking lot of the Main Gym on Saturday.